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1. KADAR RECEIVED A TUMULTUOUS ELCOME IN EAST BERLIN
MARCH 22 UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE HEAD OF A FIVE-MAN
DELEGATION. THE VISIT TO EAST BERLIN BY KADAR IS BEING
HERALDED BY THE GDR AS AN "OUTSTANDING EVENT" OF GREAT
INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE THAT WILL GIVE "NEW IMPULSES"
IN HUNGARIAN-GDR RELATIONS.

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2. KADAR AND HIS PARTY RECEIVED FULL PROTOCOL TREATMENT
ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN EAST BERLIN WITH THE ENTIRE SED
POLITBURO TURNED OUT FOR THE AIRPORT GREETING, FOLLOWED
BY AN OPEN-CAR RIDE THROUGH EAST BERLIN, AND WREATH
LAYING CEREMONIES AT THE MONUMENT TO THE VICTIMS OF
FASCISM AND MILITARISM ON UNTER DEN LINDEN AND AT THE

SOVIET MEMORIAL IN TREPTOW PARK.

3. HONECKER AND KADAR HELD TALKS ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 22 WHICH, ACCORDING TO AN ADN REPORT, COVERED THE FURTHER DEEPENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS WELL AS CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

4. IN THEIR TOASTS AT A MARCH 22 DINNER, BOTH HONECKER AND KADAR ANNOUNCED THAT THE GDR AND HUNGARY HAD AGREED TO SIGN A NEW TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE TO REPLACE THE CURRENT TREATY SIGNED IN 1967. KADAR STATED THAT HIS DELEGATION WAS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE TREATY, INDICATING IT WILL BE COMPLETED DURING THE CURRENT VISIT.

5. MEMBERS OF THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION INCLUDE: CHAIRMAN OF THE CONCIL OF MINISTERS GYORGY LAZAR; CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY ANDRAS GYENES; DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DR. GYULA SZEKER; FOREIGN MINISTER FRIGYES PUJA; AND HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR DR. MATYAS SZUROS. PARTICIPATING IN THE OFFICIAL TALKS ON THE GDR SIDE WERE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILLI STOPH; CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HERMANN AXEN; CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER WOLFGANG RAUCHFUSS, CHAIRMAN OF THE GDR-HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION; FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER; AND GDR AMBASSADOR TO HUNGARY GERHARD REINERT. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND REPORTS THAT EXPERTS FROM BOTH SIDES ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSIONS.

6. COMMENT: FOLLOWING CLOSE ON THE HEELS OF HONECKER'S VISIT TO WARSAW DURING WHICH A NEW GDR-POLISH TREATY WAS ANNOUNCED, KADAR'S EAST BERLIN VISIT APPEARS TO BE OCCASIONED PRIMARILY BY THE NEW GDR-HUNGARIAN TREATY. HAVING SIGNED A NEW TREATY WITH THE SOVIETS IN OCTOBER, 1975, AND SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE A NEW TREATY WITH THE POLES WHEN GIEREK VISITS EAST BERLIN IN MAY, THE GDR APPEARS TO BE IN A HURRY TO UPDATE TREATIES WITH ITS EASTERN NEIGHBORS APPARENTLY BEFORE BELGRADE. THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN TREATIES WILL MOST LIKELY BE PATTERNED AFTER THE 1975 SOVIET-GDR TREATY AND WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RECENT INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR GDR. ACCORDING TO A LOCAL SOURCE, NEW GDR TREATIES WITH THE CSSR AND PERHAPS RUMANIA AND BULGARIA ARE ALSO ANTICIPATED.

7. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH EAST BERLIN NEWSPAPER BERLINER ZEITUNG, MARCH 22, HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR

DR. MATYAS SZUROS SAID THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HONECKER-KADAR MEETING LAY IN THE FACT THAT IT TOOK PLACE DURING THE PHASE OF PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. IT WOULD THUS APPEAR THAT PRE-BELGRADE COORDINATION WILL BE ANOTHER IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM DURING THE KADAR VISIT. POLANSKY

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